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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 (Paper No. 200611), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims in Group II (claims 2, 4, 12, and 17) and SEQ ID NO: 2536 for continued examination. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 14, 2007. Since January 14, 2007 was a Sunday and January 15, 2007 was a national holiday, the response is now due January 16, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.